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Faculty Statement on Narendra Modi Visit to Silicon Valley

As faculty who engage South Asia in our research and teaching, we write to express our concerns about the uncritical fanfare being generated over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Silicon Valley to promote "Digital India" on September 27, 2015.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Silicon Valley highlights the role of a country that has contributed much to the growth and development of Silicon Valley industries, and builds on this legacy in extending American business collaboration and partnerships with India. However Indian entrepreneurial success also brings with it key responsibilities and obligations with regard to the forms of e-governance envisioned by "Digital India."

We are concerned that the project's potential for increased transparency in bureaucratic dealings with people is threatened by its lack of safeguards about privacy of information, and thus its potential for abuse. As it stands, "Digital India" seems to ignore key questions raised in India by critics concerned about the collection of personal information and the near certainty that such digital systems will be used to enhance surveillance and repress the constitutionally-protected rights of citizens. These issues are being discussed energetically in public in India and abroad. Those who live and work in Silicon Valley have a particular responsibility to demand that the government of India factor these critical concerns into its planning for digital futures.

We acknowledge that Narendra Modi, as Prime Minister of a country that has contributed much to the growth and development of Silicon Valley industries, has the right to visit the United States, and to seek American business collaboration and partnerships with India. However, as educators who pay particular attention to history, we remind Mr. Modi's audiences of the powerful reasons for him being denied the right to enter the U.S. from 2005-2014, for there is still an active case in Indian courts that questions his role in the Gujarat violence of 2002 when 1,000 died. Modi's first year in office as the Prime Minister of India includes well publicized episodes of censorship and harassment of those critical of his policies, bans and restrictions on NGOs leading to a constriction of the space of civic engagement, ongoing violations of religious freedom, and a steady impingement on the independence of the judiciary. Under Mr. Modi's tenure as Prime Minister, academic freedom is also at risk: foreign scholars have been denied entry to India to attend international conferences, there has been interference with the governance of top Indian universities and academic institutions such as the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the Indian Institutes of Technology and Nalanda University; as well as underqualified or incompetent key appointments made to the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Film and Television Institute of India, and the National Book Trust. A proposed bill to bring the Indian Institutes of Management under direct control of government is also worrisome. These alarming trends require that we, as educators, remain vigilant not only about modes of e-governance in India but about the political future of the country.

We urge those who lead Silicon Valley technology enterprises to be mindful of not violating their own codes of corporate responsibility when conducting business with a government which has, on several occasions already, demonstrated its disregard for human rights and civil liberties, as well as the autonomy of educational and cultural institutions.

Signed,

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Abhijit Bhattacharya
August 28, 2015



An article on Modi's visit to Silicon Valley

<http://www.dailyo.in/business/modi-silicon-valley-visit-sundar-pichai-google-job-creation-start-up-india-stand-up-india-innovation/story/1/5836.html>

Reply

rabindra
August 29, 2015



Very truly "Anti India" Intelligent terrorists....You have used your intelligent Bomb to destroy the very nature of India...this will NOT happen, as true growth oriented India have learnt to live with our nuclear capabilities, including that of Pakistan. World looks now on India and - a shit on your tongue that utters this.

Reply

Chandu
September 1, 2015



Well said, Sir. "Shit on your tongue". How brilliantly put. What excellent reasoned and objective defense of Narenbhai. Thank god those 'intelligent terrorists' at universities never got to mess with your wonderful writing style and your incisive knack for factually grounded arguments.

Desi
September 2, 2015



Agree completely

Sanjay Chetia
August 29, 2015



Let's check the facts:

> "Digital India" seems to ignore key questions raised in India by critics concerned about the collection of personal information and the near certainty that such digital systems will be used to enhance surveillance and repress the constitutionally-protected rights of citizens.

I think what is being referred to is UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) More Info:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unique_Identification_Authority_of_India This is the world's largest national identification number project. It collects biometric and demographic data of residents, and issues a unique identity number called Aadhaar to each resident.

Yes, people have objected to taking biometric information for this card. In fact, BJP was opposed to UIDAI when it was in opposition: <http://www.firstpost.com/politics/bjp-attacks-aadhaar-scheme-says-it-violates-right-to-privacy-1186861.html>

What has conveniently been left out is that it was Congress under Manmohan Singh that brought UIDAI sometime in 2010. The same faculty members who are opposing it today were either not aware of it or looking the other way when UIDAI was made compulsory by the Manmohan Singh administration.

> there is still an active case in Indian courts that questions his role in the Gujarat violence of 2002 when 1,000 died.

Much has been written about Gujarat violence of 2002, much of it to polarize opinions and needless to say bereft of facts. People know facts and that is why when Modi visited UAE and addressed the Indian Muslim migrants in Abu Dhabi, he received a roaring welcome there. Critics have no answer to that.

> Modi's first year in office as the Prime Minister of India includes well-publicized episodes of censorship and harassment of those critical of his policies, bans and restrictions on NGOs leading to a constriction of the space of civic engagement,

Facts: Congress under Manmohan Singh banned hundreds of NGOs in its tenure, here is a small list:

1. 600 NGOs were banned in 2007: <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/naU4bPHFu6eISW0mgNE5ZL/Govt-bans-600-NGOs.html>

2. Action taken against 100 NGOs in 2012: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Accounts-of-30-NGOs-frozen-70-banned-from-receiving-funds-Govt/articleshow/13064313.cms>

3. Govt cancelled foreign funding of 4141 Christian NGOs:

<https://bharatabharati.wordpress.com/2013/08/27/government-cracks-down-on-foreign-funding-of-christian-ngos-news-bharati/>

4. Frozen accounts of 46 NGOs in 2010

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-govt-freezes-accounts-of-46-ngos-using-foreign-funds-1439931>

> academic freedom is also at risk: foreign scholars have been denied entry to India to attend international conferences, there has been interference with the governance of top Indian universities and academic institutions

Facts:

It was Congress govt that has always trampled freedom of speech.

Eg 1: 1st amendment to the constitution (Article 19) imposed restrictions on freedom of speech and expression.

Eg 2: Emergency 1975-77 when all the fundamental rights of citizens were suspended by then PM Indira Gandhi

Eg 3: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/06/opinion/indias-limited-freedom-of-speech.html?_r=0

Eg 4: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/mar/30/gujarat-bans-gandhi-book-gay-claims>

Eg 5: List of Books banned between 1970 and 2006

http://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/niranjan-s-roy-banned-books-in-india-1970s-2006-106053001122_1.html

Eg 6: The list of Movies banned in India. Most movies were banned during Manmohan Singh's tenure:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_films_banned_in_India

To the faculty members: Sorry to let facts come in between a good story.

Reply

Abhishek

August 29, 2015



Well, your answer is factual. I agree to some points you mentioned but not most. In most of the points, you have pointed the finger to Congress and what they did in their tenure. What they did was wrong, but at the same time, what NDA is doing right now is wrong as well. Specially in the case of interference with IIT's, IIM's (IIM bill) and other educational institutes and policies (like banning German in schools etc). This fact is very accurately mentioned in the above article. I cannot see any possible intellectual reasons in favor of this step by NDA.

Blind bhakti of anything, be it Modi, is not good.

Shahabuddin Nadeem

August 29, 2015



YOUR ENTIRE argument is in FAVOUR of a PERSON, who is PURPORTEDLY, "STILL to be EXONERATED by Indian Supreme Court-and who is still an ACCUSED in the 'Gulbarg Society' Massacre case for Directly or at least PASSIVELY being COMPLICIT in that state sponsored Anti-Muslim Pogrom in Gujarat (Feb -June, 2002, with VARIOUS BRUTAL MURDER -FIGURES RANGING from 1000 to 4000 as being the Casualty Figures REPORTED by Many INDEPENDENT INQUIRIES, with 80 % of them being MUSLIM Women & Children who were FIRST most inhumanly BRUTALIZED MERCILESSLY and LATER KILLED in an UNPRECEDENTED BARBARIC MANNER - like, Throwing Gang Raped -Women &Children in to open FIRES by MOBS as strong as 10,000, in some cases, with the Gujarat Administration acting, as SCATHINGLY CONFIRMED by the Supreme Court of India (Quoting Verbatim) "like a local Gujarat Emperor Nero Fiddling while Gujarat was burning!"); your Defense of this PERSON is BASED on QUOTING DATA of supposedly WORSE TRANSGRESSIONS by an earlier Congress Government! (Note: In actuality it was NOT a CONGRESS Govt, it was in fact a COALITION of twenty Odd Parties each demanding its own Pound from the Congress then and because of which the Congress Party got all the BLAME of all the VARIOUS SCAMS that its Coalition Partners had committed!)

However, no SANE person will accept an argument that " Two EQUALLY PERNICIOUS Wrongs by TWO different Parties will automatically JUSTIFY EACH OTHER and we should simply allow the CURRENT GOVERNMENT to CONTINUE to TAKE ITS own POUND of FLESH from the CITIZENS just because you think that the EARLIER GOVERNMENT had done so?!

ALSO, showing that you too BELONG to the SAME class of "Too Smart by HALF" majoritarian- supporters of this PURPORTEDLY , AUTOCRATIC and BORDERING on an ORWELLIAN STATE under, once again ,WIDELY REPORTED as being one of the most NARCISSIST, Self Centered, Egotistical, Arrogant Person who is RATED by many Neutral OBSERVERS to have been a POLITICAL LEADER who has shown himself to be Full Of HUBRIS from the time he became a Chief Minister about 13 years back and who earlier used to hardly attend State Assembly sessions while he was CM and now is OFTEN seen to DISREGARD the PARLIAMENT of INDIA on a REGULAR BASIS (Who may have attended the Indian Parliament ONLY ON LESS THAN TEN OCCASIONS in nearly 420 days after formation of his Government!), AND you "Too SMARTLY- BY HALF of course",YOU DO NOT GIVE any CURRENT DATA to COUNTER and DEFEAT all the FACTS- BASED ACCUSATIONS MADE against this Government in this ARTICLE!

LASTLY, I would like to state that this "Faculty Statement on Narendra Modi Visit to Silicon Valley" has in fact used a very SOFT TONE and TENOR while PUTTING up its CRITICISM and missed to mention MANY MORE ORWELLIAN EVENTS staged by this Government such as INTERFERENCE by Human Resource Minister in to the FUNCTIONING / IDEOLOGY of a PARTICULAR DALIT (Lower Caste Group- the Periyar-Ambedkar Group) STUDENTS UNION in the "MADRAS -Indian Institute of Technology" and MANY OTHER such events that can easily be LISTED out by inquiring with any NEUTRAL INDIAN JOURNALIST like Rajdeep Sardesai or Karan Thapar - both working with the INDIA TODAY TV NEWS CHANNEL in INDIA!

Ref: 1) See Archives on "Gujarat 2002- Anti-Muslim Pogrom in <http://www.sabrang.com>

2) See Archives on "Gujarat 2002- Anti-Muslim Pogrom in <http://www.truthofgujarat.com>

3) See all the relevant recent articles on the issues raised in the "Faculty Statement on Narendra Modi Visit to Silicon Valley" in <http://www.firstpost.com/>

debashishbh

August 29, 2015



I like the way you have responded pointwise.

Rajesh Kumar Singh

August 31, 2015



Well written. Abhishek should read the IIM Bill. It frees IIMs from state control. The BJP governments have never proscribed books or films or any work of art but for a few (one or two) extremely rare exceptions. Non-BJP governments have always done it. The worst were the Leftists. They proscribed works of art, banished historians who did not agree with them, burnt cinema halls, killed their opponents. The Congress governments rivalled them and showed their ugly faces during Emergency. Nehru made laws to gag free speech. Today, Mamata's TMC, with her Congi legacy, has crossed all the limits in West Bengal. Even DMK and AIDMK governments have been intolerant to their opposition.

So, the BJP has the best track record on free speech and artistic freedom. In fact it was the RSS that stood up to Indira Gandhi during emergency to save democracy and free speech. So, this campaign of calumny against Modi is based on conjecture and white lies. Even when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he never ever tried to browbeat his opponents. They had a free run to carry on a sustained campaign based on lies to denigrate him. They failed.

Raj

August 31, 2015



Thanks for exposing these "self-styled" intellectuals !

Raghu

September 8, 2015



Quoting your post "It collects biometric and demographic data of residents, and issue a unique identity number called Aadhaar to each resident."

I don't know how the number remains unique.

UID numbers should be to a personal to the individual. It no longer remains unique, or the purpose of its privacy is lost, when the government offices ask you to use the last 6 digits of your Aadhar number as your identification number for Biometric Attendance.

Krishna Kumar
September 8, 2015



Hi Raghu,

Just because you don't know how to generate a unique ID from a set of known numbers, don't knock the concept. Any mathematician worth his salt can tell you how. Why don't you put in a bit of effort before commenting?

Even in USA, the last four numbers of your social security number are used as one part of an identity recognition.

Regards,

Krishna Kumar

Tejas
August 30, 2015



None of signatories are Techies.
shameless ANTI-INDIA ACTIVISTS

Reply

Chandu

September 1, 2015



Excellent point. No techies. All Anti-India Activists. One question though: since the techies alone are true patriots, what are they doing in California? Would it not be best for them to move back to Bharat? Especially now that Narenbhai has made it the Heaven on Earth? Surely the true patriots need to contribute their skills to Narenbhai's efforts?

Also, Sir, may I enquire why instead of a truly patriotic techie Narenbhai chose Smritibehn to run the HRD Ministry? Is that really the best use of techie patriotism?

Ganapathy V Iyer
August 28, 2015



Ridiculous and baseless article.

Reply

Chandu

September 1, 2015



Excellent argument, Mr Iyer. You're powers of rationale argument are truly praiseworthy. I congratulate you.

Reply

T R Narasimha Rao, Ph.D.

September 4, 2015



Yes, Mr Chandu, Congratulations. Your excellent arguments and rebuttals have earned for you membership in the prestigious AAHS (American Association of Hinduphobe Scholars). Please keep up your good work.

ksr960
August 28, 2015



This seems to be orchestrated considering the transparency of US security agencies. I would suggest you to question those US agencies first, if possible..because thats where IS is where you chose to live

[Reply](#)
Dave Mun
August 28, 2015



These professors (sepoys) have deep hatred for Narendra modi and hence such statements by them as a group. They repeatedly used Gujarat riots to make their point which they think that by repeating same thing over and over again it will become truth. Being professors they have enough brainpower to do their research to find the truth..enough online to prove them wrong. If anything, Modi has been victim of this malicious propaganda. From day one its not Modi's past that bothers them it is what he stands for. He stands for India that is proud of its sanskrit/eastern philosophy, its culture and its contribution to the world through time. He represent majority India that has been under the indirect rule of the foreign educated Sepoys who have tried to control Indians both externally and internally by imposing western philosophy through their control of education policies. Now they have lost control over it for the first time since independence and hence all this anxiety in them. In carrying out their malicious agenda they forget Narendra Modi is PM of country and his visit is to market country to improve the image of the country and to create jobs for all Indian youth irrespective of what they represent. With the exception of few all NRIs welcome PM of India who's visit has potential to improve living standards of many Indians and improve India-US relations. Only such sepoys with malicious agenda will go to the extent to harm the whole country..just shows how much they really care for India

[Reply](#)
[mmsrinivas](#)
August 28, 2015



very well said!!

[Reply](#)
Madhukar Dube
August 29, 2015



Rather that making unsupported statements, one must prove that the facts stated above are untrue and concerns irrelevant.

[Reply](#)
narayan srikanth
August 29, 2015



What is visible is the distinct bangla bias amongst the signatories, who need to answer on what basis they express these concerns to be associated with Narendra Modi and how all them would ever come under his government given india's federal structure. And now why should they be so concerned about a country which most of the signatories have forsaken and whether they did express such concern when religious riots took place under Congress governance and the many scams and malgovernance of the Manmohan regime.

[Rajesh Kumar Singh](#)
August 31, 2015



We are doing exactly that here and have proven each and every word written in the blog as false and calumnious. All cases against Modi were dismissed in the court of law, and in the people's court as well. Yet a handful of people filled with hatred for Hindus and funded by dubious anti-India entities keep carrying on their vilification campaign and crusades. Their lies and subterfuge have been constantly exposed and discarded and challenged with facts and nothing but facts.

[Santi Dash](#)
September 4, 2015



The fact is we are still talking about Godhra and Modi irrespective of Supreme court verdict.. If these people do not agree with the institution like Supreme court, then there is no point of having a debate,

[Vijayalakshmi Menon](#)
August 29, 2015



It is unfortunate that these so-called educators are spreading false info and venom on a popular people's PM,only because their leftist and crosstian ideology is different from his nationalist one. That he is immensely dedicated, capable and truly secular is deliberately ignored by them.Thus the credibility of these 'educators' is highly questionable!

[Reply](#)

Vinod Nair
August 31, 2015



well said

[Chandu](#)

September 1, 2015



Ms Menon, thank you so much. I had no idea Narenbhai was "immensely dedicated, capable and truly secular". Especially the last. I would never have guessed it had you not brought it up. He does well to hide it.

Anyway, thanks for clearing this up. Now that you've told me what he really is, I will believe you and not go looking for proofs of his dedication, capability or secularism, like these stupid lefties. Proof is over-rated anyway. Your word is enough, Madam.

Marmayogi

August 29, 2015



Not only Bangla bias, I can see a lot of Brahmin names, Kerala Christians among these. The reason is simple, their days of scavenging are coming to an end. Period...

[Reply](#)

[Chandu](#)

September 1, 2015



Yes. Down with Bengalis, Malayalis, Brahmins, and maybe in a few more weeks Patels, Gujjars and Jats as well (unless Hardil Patel has a "police encounter" before that). The Kashmiris and the North Eastern states don't count anyways. Biharis have contaminated DNA. Get rid of all of these people. They are not true Indians. Exterminate everyone. Everyone that is who does not worship Narenbhai. Finally, we too shall be a monotheistic country.

Saran

August 29, 2015



Well said! Another interesting fact is that all most all the signatories are professors of Arts. Surprisingly, there are few from the computer science/ engineering departments. If there are serious questions about information security and data privacy, I wonder why the engineering professors are not perturbed. Is it because they are more objective in their approach, unlike the leftist historians and sociologists who are, as Rajiv Malhotra put it, "always long on theories and short on data." This petition also lends credence to the argument that the academia, both in the West and back in India, particularly the history, religious studies and South Asian studies departments are populated with those who harbor a deep hatred for Indian Civilization.

[Reply](#)

Ravindran

August 31, 2015



These so called Professors are trying to spread hatred against India.

[Reply](#)

Kaalket

September 1, 2015



These irrelevant Indiotecyuals should not interfere in Indian matters. India have been economically left behind and culturally stagnated because deracinated forces operating against India and Her Sons of Soil. Modi is symbol of removing these slaves' curse casted over India right after freedom.

[Reply](#)

dinesh

August 28, 2015



we are lucky that these anti indians are in usa .. they dont have any partiotism for india nor are they interested about its history and culture.May the indian government cancel their OCI cards and cease all their properties in india

[Reply](#)

[Chandu](#)

September 1, 2015



True, Mr. Dinesh. Very true. Good riddens of bad rubbish. Thank god these anti-Indians are all in the US and not in India. Trouble though is that all the patriotic techies are also in the US. All the computer engineers in Silicon Valley. The US should have better sense and send the truly patriotic techies back to support Narenbhai in India. I'm sure being true patriots they will be only too happy to go back.

[Reply](#)

[dinesh](#)

September 1, 2015



Bharat has seen 1000 years of slavery/tyranny/rapes/torture/denigration and genocide of more than 80 million hindus.All these sacrifices where to protect the knowledge for future generations like us .

After such a long time, we have got a true leader who is concerned about majority and minority unlike the previous secularist leaders whose focus was on minority only and who supressed the majority/also denigrated bharat's ancient tradition.

Truly said!!!..Time is not far when not only Bharatiyas living in USA but the whole world will come to Bharat for knowledge

Bharat was and will always be the shining beacon of knowledge for this whole world and will show the path of truth in this golden age.

It is time for each one of us to know our true identity/true history(not the fake history written by the mughal invaders/british sycophants or our own secularists/marxists/congtards)/culture/tradition and our ancient heritage and contribute to our Sanathan Dharma which has been shining from the age of Ramayana and will be the shining light in the coming golden age

[Who](#)

August 28, 2015



What a pathetic lot all of you professors are. Suffer!!!!!! Because all of you lost and Modi and majority of India won. I am so happy when I see such articles. It shows how much you are suffering. I really hope all of you are having sleepless nights! Suffer!!!!!!

[Reply](#)

[panini](#)

August 28, 2015



@Academeblog: This is a great service you have done listing all haters names in one place. Now we know whose opinions do not count, whom we don't have to care about and also avoid the supporting universities and/or the departments. Thank you!!

[Reply](#)

[Sneh](#)

August 30, 2015



well said

[Reply](#)

[MAHESH SHAH](#)

August 28, 2015



The above listed faculty are part of same old paid agents of anti modi brigade who failed to block him in 2014..Silicon valley is full of innovators and enterprenuers who make their fortune by seer hard work and not jokers..

[Reply](#)

[Jodhpur \(@manjuarunmehta\)](#)

August 29, 2015



can u sight one his original work?

[Reply](#)

Ajay Dahiya

August 28, 2015



What a load of bullsh*t. Thank God these guys are not in India. Such a shame that these guys are of Indian origin. I hope these clowns never return to India as we don't deserve these kinds of snakes on our land.

Reply

Raj Maheshwari

August 30, 2015



Guys like these are still in India and in numbers but slowly they are losing so now they are desperate. They have done, inadvertently though, a service by listing their names in one place.

Reply

Radhacharan Patel

August 28, 2015



Now I know what the term "useful idiots" mean.

Reply

S. Kumar

August 28, 2015



These 'pade likhe bewakoofs' are insulting India by insulting its democratically elected Prime Minister. Shoo off!

Reply

Karan

August 28, 2015



If you read the comments posted by Modi's fan here, it just talks about hatred and verbal abuse. The big thing Modi is teaching Indians are verbal abuse, hatred and arrogance. Before make in India, Modi should "Make India first" (no corruption, respect for women, respect for all religion, abolish caste system and many more)

Reply

Rajesh Kumar Singh

August 28, 2015



This is the standard response of known Modi haters that has nothing to do with facts. The article itself smacks of rabid hatred towards Modi. It's a group of known Modi haters with leftist leanings carrying on with their ancient narrative that disregards the truth. The fact is the present political dispensation led by Modi is the most tolerant in the history of India where his detractors seem to have a freer run than ever before. In the process they have been getting exposed and losing their credibility. The signees to this appeal will suffer the same ignominy as a section of the English media in India that has been trying its best to influence electoral choices and failing all the time. They even promote road-side ruffians and small-time megalomaniacs as revolutionaries to somehow thwart the attempts of Modi to transform India into a truly FEDERAL Republic. This group of congenital liars and Modi baiters has run the establishment so far with the help of funds provided by dubious NGOs. These freeloaders don't enjoy that luxury any more. This disturbs them and thus they indulge in such diatribe.

Reply

mmsrinivas

August 28, 2015



Perfect!!

Badari Narayanan

August 29, 2015



@Rajesh Kumar Singh: Well said

List of lies / dirty insinuations

1. near certainty that such digital systems will be used to enhance surveillance and repress the constitutionally- protected rights of citizens
2. powerful reasons for him being denied the right to enter the U.S. from 2005-2014
3. there is still an active case in Indian courts that questions his role in the Gujarat violence of 2002
4. well publicized episodes of censorship and harassment of those critical of his policies, bans and restrictions on NGOs
5. academic freedom is also at risk
6. interference with the governance of top Indian universities and academic institutions
7. government ... demonstrated its disregard for human rights and civil liberties

None of these filth who have signed this 'petition' belong even remotely to silicon valley

Vijayalakshmi Menon

August 29, 2015



Very well-said Sir!

GNanda (@pnanda2014)

August 28, 2015



Wow!! Surprising that these "professors" who are supposed to carry and promote the baton of honesty and integrity could stoop down to such low levels and mention outright lies. I've been following the politics in India closely and I can say that the accusations this corrupted lot has mentioned are baseless. The GOI has NOT interfered more than necessary with TIFR, Nalanda etc. I happen to research the case of Nalanda a bit and fact of the matter is that the previous Chancellor Amartya Sen (who btw happens to be dear to many on the list here) promoted a culture of nepotism, un-accountability and favoritism at Nalanda including questionable, unqualified appointments, inflated expenses and salaries. Even respected APJ Abdul Kalam wrote to President of India about the state of mismanagement at Nalanda especially related to faculty appointments. It's highly ironic that Mr. Sen who apparently "cares" much about the Nalanda project didn't even bother to attend the Opening Ceremony!!! One media site noted "While Prof Amartya Sen has been a critic of Narendra Modi and BJP Government, his relative silence on corruption during the UPA's rule it would seem was purposeful. It can be said that he has been a beneficiary of the UPA's arbitrariness and distribution of favours in the form of total control over the Nalanda University project. Nalanda University some believe had become a private estate with public money in the name of autonomy."

Moreover, the GOI didn't ask Sen to resign but he voluntarily did that obviously because of his political affiliation to create an illusion of "interference" to please his political masters. The GOI simply asked him to submit the plan and details about the university...is that unreasonable??? The same illusion of interference was created in other cases mentioned by Congress sympathetic elements in the media who are still rattled by their crushing defeat in elections and are trying all unscrupulous means to stay relevant...Congress/UPA within the realm of their mandate appointed their unqualified but political sympathizers in key positions including CBFC, FTII etc and no media raised an eyebrow but now that NDA Govt. appoints, why is that a problem? E.g Leela Samson was the head of CBFC but had ZERO film industry experience. Her notable achievement was that she was the former dance instructor for Sonia Gandhi's daughter!! . In contrast, all the NDA appointments have been those with relevant industry experience BUT they are being targetted because of their ideology and not their performance!!! How fair is that?? Simply disgusting and pathetic behavior by Congress and it's crony supporters.

These "professors" mentioned above would do themselves a favour to not engage in dishonest behaviour showing lack of integrity and poor character and show respect to the principles of ethics and integrity that they are supposed to uphold. By relying on rumour mills and false propaganda, they are bringing disrepute to the academic profession. After all, isn't quest for science and knowledge about facts thorough and open minded and objective research and analysis to form objective, educated opinions based on facts??? These professors are engaging in propaganda out of their own personal biases and hatred and are using their positions to promote it in a very unprofessional and dishonest way. This should be condemned by all who support high academic standards!!!

As a NRI concerned about academic standards, I for one would never ever in my professional or personal career associate with people of such low morals and integrity...

Further noting:

#1 It's also suspect that a lot of names are from the same university and directly points to some peer pressure tactics especially if pressure is suggestive and applied top down. Would an assistant/associate professor risk his/her tenure/funding by not being in the "good books" of a senior???

#2 I expect a follow on document/letter by the leaders of this group providing proof for substantiating with objective and fact based research these false allegations of interference, made in this letter namely academic freedom at risk: foreign scholars have been denied entry to India to attend international conferences, government demonstrating its disregard for human rights and civil liberties, as well as the autonomy of educational and cultural institutions. constriction of the space of civic engagement, ongoing violations of religious freedom, and a steady impingement on the independence of the judiciary. If I don't see the proof, then I will personally sue the leaders of this group for misrepresentation leading to defamation and lack of adherence to academic standards of ethics, honesty, and integrity and abuse of position and power.

Reply

Badari Narayanan

August 29, 2015



Way to go. Every right thinking Indian will support you in exposing these curs

B.V.SHENOY

August 29, 2015



Prime Minister Manmohan Singh permitted Amartya Sen to appoint an unqualified Gopa sabharwal to the prestigious post of Vice Chancellor at a hugely inflated, arbitrarily fixed salary.

Gopa Sabharwal, in her turn, appointed her girl-friend as her "advisor" at a hugely inflated salary, and she also, as a quid pro quo, appointed Manmohan Singh's daughter to the post of a professor!

All three friends were permitted to work from their houses in Delhi and loot the tax payers' money.

Vijayalakshmi Menon

August 29, 2015



Kudos to you Sir for your excellent rebuttal !

Jalebi

August 29, 2015



Very well said. You have spoken for a lot of us & exposed these obnoxious leftist "professors" who have actually asked Silicon valley not to work with India. This makes them nothing but Anti-India, Anti- progress of India & Anti-Indians. Ethics, honesty & Integrity is alien to this herd of Commies.

Rama Chandra

August 29, 2015



When you see cases like Mrs Irani as MHRD , resignations of key academic leaders from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of IITBombay to the IIT Delhi Director and the NCERT Director and even the Chairman of the National Book Trust, persons coming in like Mr Girish Chander Tripathi, Mr Y Sudershan Rao, Baldev Sharma, Nihlani, Mukesh Khann, Gajendra Chauhan - it raises certain doubts. The academicians have written an honest petition and have a right to do so.

Your reply is vindictive.

Vandana

August 29, 2015



Very well said. It should be a class action law suit against these haters as they are internationally maligning the image of the ruling party in India and its visionary leader.

Chandra

August 29, 2015



Yeah, it would be nice to drag some of these so called professors. Lets them have some taste of accountability.

SATISHKUMAR

August 30, 2015



excellent reply!!

Dave Mun

August 29, 2015



The comments you see are not from Modi fans. Its from proud Indians who are angry at the lies being spewed by these anti-india elements to defame the country, its culture and to distort its history. You don't have to be a Modi fan to see this..just do some research with India in your heart. Only someone with ethics will get angry at relentless lies being spread by these hate mongers..those who live the life of lies won't get effected..just calling these commentators Modi fan is not enough..understand what they are saying and where they are coming from. These are people who have realized they have been lied to for most of their life.

Reply

mmsrinivas

August 29, 2015



Exactly...you nailed it!!

Mohinder

August 29, 2015



Well written post. UPA ten years ruined our culture.

PC

August 29, 2015



<http://www.nationmaster.com/country-info/stats/Crime/Rape-rate>

PC

August 29, 2015



Yes, agreed with you. The link with statistics is for the person who was talking about 'India's problems' especially respect for women...

sp751aa

August 29, 2015



you are another Shri Narendra Modi & Hindu hater

Reply

PC

August 29, 2015



Wait, here are statistics for rape in different countries, just compare India and Europe or the US...respect for women again?

Reply

debashishbh

August 29, 2015



I cannot disagree with you. What exactly have we got from Modi, apart from slogans and hype,I do not find any abiding values or practices introduced by him really. Is he not just another of the willy politicians who have probably proved more successful in manipulating power!

Reply

Harish

August 29, 2015



They have shown the contempt and ridicule they deserve by making false accusations against Modijee. No need to give reply to such baseless accusations against a democratically elected Prime Minister by a bunch of educated fools who have nothing to do with India.

Reply

Sakthi

August 28, 2015



U.S. Should check the internet history of this perverted desi professors most of them are sexual addicts what voice these English professors and psychology professors to talk about technology most of their children will be sex or drug addicts or married to white or black and divorced shame on you Jai Chands

[Reply](#)

Chandu

September 1, 2015



What a wonderfully reasoned response! Balanced, objective and thoroughly reasonable. How can anyone after reading your well thought out opinions still have the conviction to oppose anything Narenbhai does?

[Reply](#)

Nee

September 2, 2015



@Chandu, looks like you are masquerading under a hindu name and trolling every comment. Your only aim is to hate Narendra Modi. And like you there would be thousands whose only aim would be to support Narendra Modi. You are going to have a miserable life encountering these thousand Bhakts. BTW are you a congress/Sonia Bhakt who is masquerading under a hindu name here!

[Life \(@Lifedrops\)](#)

August 28, 2015



Good that we have list of these names which includes many persons of Indian origin. I have a request for them-please never come back to India. We Indians here have changed our course i.e. of development and self respect. We have voted Narendra Modi by giving his party absolute majority in the Indian parliament. Before giving us sermons on civil liberty and human rights, respect democracy and democratically elected govt. We understand some of yours latent love for communism, which makes you unable to digest the massive mandate India has given. To make facts clear, your statement contains baseless allegations and false notions. There is no case even remotely linked to Gujrat riots linking Modi is pending in any court of law. IIT, TIFR, IIMs are as pure as before. No foreign scholar has been denied entry. You have falsely accused of interference in judiciary, which no govt can do. We support restriction of NGOs that spearhead antinational movements, naxalism and evangelism with huge foreign donations. Modi is visiting USA as head of state to advance the cause of India and carrying our gratitude to hundreds of Indians who have made a mark in Sillicon Valley. Spreading falsehood denigrates your own country and President Obama also understands how crooked you people are. We don't need you anymore here, your intelligence is menace for the whole world.

[Reply](#)

Arvind

August 28, 2015



I expected better from academics. That is having a open mind. Even though all of you hate Modi to the core, you should have taken your time and watched all his speeches which are available on YouTube. He has exhorted for women rights, cleanliness, Dalits, poor, casteless society and so many other progressive ideas. Only persons with closed minds would have written this one-sided fact less tirade

[Reply](#)

Amit Shah

August 28, 2015



Bravo

[Reply](#)

Ashok Kapur

August 29, 2015



The Techies of Silicon Valley are true revolutionaries .They do not give speeches or make false promises .They do not monopolize knowledge but deliver it to your fingertips .Thereby, lifting the the curtain off the dark ages and the controlled media ,that in the past has made heroes out of zeroes .Does not matter whether they are recognizing Modi or Modi is recognizing them...it is time to feel proud ,as Indians ,that the world today recognizes, for our brain power...after 67 wasted years since independence !Do not talk of Gujrat riots without talking about the massacres in 1947 and 1984 .Even the Brits to their credit ,held inquiry into 1919 Jallianwalla massacre. Give Modi a chance...or you have an option throw him out in four years !....A Silicon Valley Indian

[Reply](#)
Subash
August 29, 2015



The list is filled with hateful regressive group of people.Nothing more.My fellow Indians have articulated clearly above whats wrong and unacceptable with this list of hatemongers.I will resist myself from repeating them.Nothing can stop Mr Modi from continuing with his hard work of development and progress for India, the largest democracy in the world.Mr Modi got the highest mandate in 30 yrs.All the elites on this list are burning with jealousy and feel helpless that a man born in a poor family to a mother who was working as a maid to raise her children.This list of elitists are potentially going to loose the generous share of the wealth generated by numerous scams under previous corrupt UPA regime of India. Unfortunately, this kind of ill advised attempts will be defeated by large majority of citizens in welcoming a great leader who liberated India from the clutches of corrupt bureaucracy and nepotism to build a true inclusive transparent democracy.

[Reply](#)
ajith
August 29, 2015



One of the things that I like about Modi is his guts/courage to take head-on with so called intellectual elitists or bogged down by their opinions. Best example is Amartya Sen. Of course he is great in his own field of work but was an utter failure when it comes to Nalanda university. No one can continue forever on past laurels, why should it be different for intellectual elitists ? I guess, what makes this group worry is the "RESERVATION" of high posts that they enjoyed even after continued failure just because of the intellectual tag during earlier governments.

It is funny this elitists group hates to look at anything good that he does and pick only on the failures. It looks so biased when all of them wake-up and team-up on a failure and keep mum for rest of the time when things are going good.

[Reply](#)
Nanda
August 29, 2015



What a hatred. I can imagine how your hearts are burning in hatred. Be sure to watch Modi's silicon valley reception and speech and burn more. Please share your reactions after that, I really enjoy when you anti indian thinkers and traitors suffer

[Reply](#)
[bhartiya \(@Bhartiya12\)](#)
August 29, 2015



WHO CARES ABOUT THESE GARBAGE ACADEMIA - THEY ARE ALL FROM USELESS DEPARTMENTS/FIELDS - NO ENGINEERING/MEDICINE ACADEMIA SO WHO CARES

[Reply](#)
[Shaan Weirdperson](#)
August 29, 2015



This derogatory article of a smear campaign against Modi, Hinduism, India is exactly what I expected from the US India Studies Academia-Industry. They are the last champions of their colonial masters And Eurocentric hatred of living native civilizations and traditions. They earn their bread and butter from hate speeches again people like Modi and misportrayal of Hinduism. It will be amusing to see them stoop even lower... As I am sure they are fully capable of.

Nations and traditions that are built on mountains of corpses, genocides, ethnic cleansing, racial supremacy, exclusivist salvationism and juvenile history-centric prophetic revelations want to teach us "Human Rights"... Very Interesting indeed.

[Reply](#)
Dave Mun
August 29, 2015



Very well said. Satyamev Jayate

[Reply](#)
[Leicesteryog](#)
August 29, 2015



Political nature of statement is evident from the titles of Academia Signatories. Where are the technocrats/entrepreneurs maybe they are all for the visit.

[Reply](#)

Rajeshwar Rao
August 29, 2015



What a bunch of croc. Most people on the list are non-entities and seem to want a piece of the limelight through such statements, dressed up as expressions of concern.
It's a cosy life — striking leftist positions while choosing to live in the beating heart of world capitalism and making no effort to come back (the justification usually being that academic life and academic research requires them to be abroad).
These NRI academics really need to get a life

[Reply](#)

D.Vishweshwara Bhat
August 29, 2015



Did these people the signatories to the above questions on alleged conduct of PM Narendra Modi when thousands of innocent Iraqi people, people of Afghanistan were raided bombed with all modern warfare machinery at their command by the western powers USA, Britan, France etc asked any questions and did they seek proceedings against them for genocide of these innocents.
Common you educated men of repute why can't move for genocide against those leaders as even now people in these countries are languishing in inhuman state.

[Reply](#)

Balasubramanian S
August 29, 2015



It is good we have an exhaustive list of the minuscule anti-India, Hindu hating population living in the US and working as foot soldiers for propagating a distorted global view about India and Hinduism in particular, in the garb of South Asian Studies. The agenda intent and covert strategy is well exposed by Mr. Rajiv Malhotra of Infinity foundation in his various books published and in particular the book "Breaking India". Not bad to get a ready list of Breaking India stalwarts as well as their despicable foot soldiers.

[Reply](#)

Kes
August 29, 2015



How long will these people peddle their hateful lies against India's democratically elected leader? Do court rulings mean nothing to them? Interesting that not a single Engineering / Science professor has joined this hategroup.

[Reply](#)

sarita
August 29, 2015



Dear Indians,
Lets all attend this talk by PM Narendra Modi in Huge numbers to make it a grander success than his NYC show. Already ally of my 78 friends acquaintances in Silicon valley are very much excited by this and plan to attend his talk. Come along with your whole family, Friends, Relatives. Thank you all

[Reply](#)

[Venkatarama Muthuswami](#)
August 29, 2015



By all means, welcome Modi. I like his Hindi rhetoric though much of it not understood nor necessary, but sounds great. He had 15 months to show something tangible except catchy Hindi slogans and gas cylinder subsidy to surrender! He seems brainy for his background but undeserved by substandard PMO, and even less brainy cabinet colleagues. Modi seems to suffer some hidden complex that he did not choose really great guys to help him in policy making and implementation strategies – looks he does not want anyone around with greater brain power than him!

[Reply](#)

Rajesh Kumar Singh

August 31, 2015



You are so wrong. The transformation of India is on course. Financial inclusion has begun to happen. The bureaucracy is slowly but surely getting tamed and being made accountable. The corruption at the top has ended. Micro-corruption will soon come to an end as digitalisation initiatives begins to bear fruit. The Silicon Valley trip is critical for that reason too. And this whole argument that it will allow 'government' to keep tab over citizens is pure BS in an age where Google and Facebook have nearly full access to our 'private' lives and the patterns they follow. Things are getting increasingly transparent these days to the extent people want them to be transparent. So, all this fake fear mongering simply betrays an 'elitist' mindset.

Harish

September 1, 2015



The problem with you is that you don't understand much of what he speaks in Hindi nor are you aware of the lot of work he has done in the past 15 months apart from urging well-to-do Indians to surrender their cooking gas subsidy so that it can be passed on to more deserving people. Now he can't appoint academicians as his cabinet colleagues, can he? He has to appoint from among the people that have been elected from his party. And more than being brainy, it is the intentions that matter more. They are all well-intentioned people and striving to make a difference. What use are brainy people like Amartya Sen? You also appear to be a little biased against him.

Yash

September 2, 2015



You shameless Indian, go and learn Hindi language instead of taking pride in not learning Hindi. Remember Hindi is a national language of India.

Soumya Mohapatra

August 29, 2015



I fail to understand how a bunch of so called 'Intelligencia' continue to abuse the will of the people of the largest democracy ! How these people (Mis)guided by their commie ideologies can continue to peddle lies like 'for there is an active case in Indian courts that questions his handling of riots...' I would love to tell this misinformed gang of commies that the fiercely independent Supreme Court of India, the highest judicial authority has in an independent enquiry supervised by it found That the PM of India was not be held responsible.. Even after the courts rejecting this fanciful story that the commies have been spreading, even after the electorate in India giving the PM n his party a BIG thumbs up.

I know some ppl will call me abusive when I see all this but honestly if their thick heads can't get some simple facts clear n they continue to spread lies and hatred about India and the democratically elected PM of India, they deserve no better !!!

Reply

Rekha Rao

August 29, 2015



Fabulous and well analysed. Any criticism against Modi is met with uncalled for abusive responses from his social media managers and from the followers of anti-democratic, anti-socialist Modisms in India (as can even be seen on this page). Glad that there will be voices from outside that will keep alive the injustices of this human being, even if he, as the head of this Govt., throttles freedom of press by buying them off and freedom of speech by imposing laws and regulations or simply threats and force. While he makes a PR event and tamasha of himself, this megalomaniac can arrange for any number of cloaked 'PM's meets' and Times Square Meets or Indian Community outreaches in his foreign visit blitzkreig, but truth will need to prevail... Kudos to the members who have signed the above...

Reply

Pranab Kumar Kalita

August 29, 2015



Oha cry madam cry .

Reply

Mohinder

August 29, 2015



Pls do not visit India if you hate our majority elected PM. Thank god such so called educted writing totally false petition against PM of India are defaming a nation which they left long ago and spreading vemon against PM Modi ji whose is honest to the core works 18 daily for nation.

narayan srikanth
August 29, 2015



Are your sensibilities getting consumed by modi's success ??please have the patience for it to consume you fully.

[thedominator38](#)
August 29, 2015



Where is the analysis madam?It seems you are an intern under one of these troll professors.

[Reply](#)
RAvi
September 2, 2015



It is naive to simply believe that they have signed without tangible consideration. None of them are techies and Remember they have chosen America over India to settle in their lives. Not because of Modi.!!

[Reply](#)
Yash
September 2, 2015



Ms Rekha Rao, Go and embrace ISIS and you will love their treatment to you. We do not need brainless intellectuals in India.

[Reply](#)
Raj Bihani
August 29, 2015



This has been entirely written by a Prof Amartya sen and signed by his cronies whom he appointed in various US univ. After being replaced after 2nd term from Nalanda University, he is doing all silly and immature things to sully most hardworking, selfless, Nationalist PM india has ever seen. Even whole world acknowledges it from rulers of Arab to USA president yet Amartya sen does such abominable acts of stupidity which makes me doubt his Noble 'acceptability'

When Supreme Court of India has found nothing against him after 8 yrs of investigation, then who is Amartya sen to doubt it? Is he and his cronies (proxies is the better word) are above Supreme court of India? They must say this before uttering anything on Judgement else ' contempt of Court case should be slapped oon these bunch of looser!

[Reply](#)
ईश्वर चैतन्य दास
August 29, 2015



This statement looks issued by genetically realigned Christlsslamic Modi haters on behest of Italian Gangesters of 10 Janpath.

[Reply](#)
Chandu
September 1, 2015



Excellent response, Mr. Das. This is why we need to stop the techies. They are 'genetically realigning' Christians and Muslims into Modi-haters. Surely worthless Humanities professors do not know the technology for genetic realignment.

[Reply](#)
Yash
September 2, 2015



Great reply

[Reply](#)

Rajesh Gehani
August 29, 2015



All false, baseless and unproved allegations parroted since 2002 against our PM Modi. This clearly is a propaganda by the leftist anti India group most of whom have been misled to sign the petition. Their effort will miserably fail.

[Reply](#)

Anil
August 29, 2015



Faulty Statement on Narendra Modi Visit to Silicon Valley
Take the C out of Faculty

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[Abhijeet Sharma](#)
August 29, 2015



amartya sen should have signed , not get his lackeys involved.

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[Kallol Roy](#)
August 30, 2015



Neither do we need Modi's lackeys here to bark for him!

[Reply](#)

[Kailash Vishnu](#)
September 5, 2015



amartya sen is himself lackeys of Rothschild family. His thesis of absolving off Brits for genocide of millions of Bengalis during famine was torn apart by Shashi Tharoor a few months ago in Britain itself. Sen must be spinning his head disgrace now.
Amartya Sen is the most dishonest man I have seen at that level who appointed an un-qualified Gopa Sabharwal as VC of Nalanda.
What a shame !

Kamal
August 29, 2015



Here is the list of Jaichands and Mirjafars.

[Reply](#)

Yash
September 2, 2015



Great one liner. Especially Indian Hindu women professors are the worst in that list.

[Reply](#)

Vibhaker Baxi
August 29, 2015



The suggestion that there is greater constraints put on the press is a load of rubbish! I have not noticed any diminution in India as regards critique of Modi or NDA Government or coverage of critical comments by his political rivals! Where were these enlightened geniuses when similar environment or worse existed under Congress Govt. At least Modi has submitted to legal examination of his conduct of 2002 riots which is more than can be said of Rajiv Gandhi and his political heir, the much respected Sonia Gandhi! This article is just political point scoring and will have no effect beyond the chattering classes! All I can say to these scribes is to accept the democratic mandate of world's largest polity with grace and get a life!

[Reply](#)
Dev T
August 29, 2015



Looking at the list of the petitioners, one thing is immediately obvious. They are all from humanities background. There is a disproportionate representation of Women and Gender studies, followed by English and History. No STEM academics here. It is a clear demonstration of the intellectual and cultural malaise that infests the centres for Humanities studies in India, which convert bright young people into deracinated sepoys, training them to view their own societies through alien eyes and minds.

[Reply](#)
Shailaja
August 29, 2015



what a load of crap!! So now that we have all the names under one umbrella of those who hate Modi so much that it overtakes their love for the Nation ! a obsession that has now been shaped into a art! Each of you sitting there as professors and teachers who should have been teaching children -students as Gurus that every issue has FACTS behind it and a perspective that there are motives and agendas that drive people's hatred... instead are steeped in that hatred... what kind of open mindedness, drive for truth and ethics will these kind of professors ever be able to teach!!!! How sad that those who are to be educated are caught up in their own whorls of hatred for Modi!!!

[Reply](#)
raghupavan87
August 29, 2015



What a load of BS. Article is full of bias and hatred. Can't believe professors to be so dumb. Or they simply anti Modi and can't tolerate a strong leader?
What these Indian sepoys want ? I will definitely go and support Modi now.

[Reply](#)
Suresh Kumar
August 29, 2015



I have read the said blog with interest and am amazed at how such a biased and one-sided piece has found active support and consent of so many academics working at such internationally acclaimed institutions. Surely, this is a sad reflection on these institutions as well as on the institutions where these academics have studied for such institutions have shaped the thinking of these individuals. Am also saddened to find so many Indians among the signatories, for whom deriding their own country is a way to get recognition amongst other countrymen. One wonders as to what kind of Agenda they have behind such malicious propaganda pushed as a 'researched' piece. Surely, rising to higher positions in academic institutions is no guarantee of such persons having independence of thought, commitment to objectivity, fairness and the ability of rising above narrow self-interest and keeping the well-being of people at large in mind. Seems it is too much to expect nowadays..

I would encourage other people from the same institutions to put in a bit of research to see the malafide behind such a regressive piece and come out with a counter piece to preserve the reputation of your institutions..

[Reply](#)
kvjayan
August 29, 2015



"....for whom deriding their own country is a way to get recognition amongst other countrymen." Well said. Recognition, grants, awards, promotions and so many other goodies to be earned.

[Reply](#)
Tapan Alani (@T2LKO)
August 29, 2015



Why does not India have even One University amongst the top 100 Universities in the world? Look at you guys, you the reason for that degradation of Sanatan values. You people rejoice by Macaulay's destruction of Gurukuls and preach Indians from abroad.

[Reply](#)
Pranab Kumar Kalita
August 29, 2015



Those opposing Modi's visit to Silicon Valley are not related to science and technology, they're just from art and humanity subjects and these subjects has no contribution to advancement of human race. These idler are spending huge amount of taxpayer's money for nothing. So these morons should stay at home when Modiji visit there.

[Reply](#)

Dave Mun
August 29, 2015



I would not undermine their contribution. Their contribution is distorting history and belittling eastern civilization..so the future generations including Indians think they are from the land of nomads and ok to have inferiority complex. These people working together as group can do more damage to society then dictators like Hitler.

[Reply](#)

CB
August 29, 2015



Respected Professors

Kindly permit me to ask a few questions. And also make a couple of recommendations.

Why such hatred?
Why such disregard for facts?
Why such disrespect for the nation's mandate to rule?
Why such love for hearsay?
Why such keenness to to misinterpret every intent?
Why such joy in embracing an irrelevant leftist mindset?
Why such pleasure in spreading canard?

Instead, why don't you channelize your intellectual capital to ensure that your concerns on privacy of information are heard and addressed?

And why don't you consider leaving judgements to the Courts of Law and the Indian voters?

Jai Hind!

[Reply](#)

pablo
August 31, 2015



Exactly!

[Reply](#)

Yash
September 2, 2015



Bravo. Very well said.
Especially Indian Hindu women intellectuals are the worst enemies of India and NaMo.

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Amit
August 29, 2015



What a bunch of hypocrites... I worry for the students under the guidance of these professors. Write utter crap without any evidence to back it up and use your position to undermine someone. Nalanda University interference- bloody hell, instead of questioning Amartya Sen for misusing half a billion dollars of Indian tax-payer's money, dude is signing on petition. Ignorance is bliss.

[Reply](#)

Rajdeep
August 29, 2015



The content of their letter exposed them completely. Letter says that they have hardly any concern about privacy but only issue is, "Digital India" must not become a success and Silicon Valley should be stopped to help India achieve this target, though Silicon Valley is not doing it for free. They want to stop Modi to succeed even if it comes at expense of a billion Indian who are craving for better services, jobs etc. We must not spare them .. spread their name in social media. Educate whoever you meet about these 'eminent' people's intention to harm India and Indians.

[Reply](#)

Yash

September 2, 2015



Great, I could not have said it better !!!

[Reply](#)

S. N. Ananthasubramanian

August 29, 2015



This article reflects the collective paranoia borne out of a fear of dismantling the established order of which these illiberal were part of. The vested interest in sustaining the status quo of the Indian mind is a self-fulfilling prophecy for these self-coronated 'intellectuals'. The 'alternative' order already upon us is what scares these sick minds who chosen shamelessly to serve as perfect fodder for the designs of Macaulay. Alas. NAMO is simply unstoppable and will soon make every Indian here or abroad either cringe with shame or preen with pride.

[Reply](#)

Kundra

August 29, 2015



These westernized so called intellectuals/academics have held Indian academic institutes hostage for decades and naturally it is not possible for them to see and digest loosening of their stranglehold . They are totally unaware of ground realities and aspirations of Indian masses who needed a change desperately. They should better leave Indians to decide their fate themselves .India is proud to have elected Modi as their leader who is doing so well.

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Shashank

August 29, 2015



The above comments by the 'Modi-brigade' are the best example of the threat our nation faces from these lumpens. Yes, article is all factually correct. Modi has shown no traces of leadership in last one year. The idiots, who argue the we had aeroplanes in ancient india, are our leaders now. And, before you say so, this is not a defence of the Congress government. At fundamental level, it is Congress's (and the left's) statist and bureaucratic policies that have led us on this path. Control-freak and authoritarian Modi is just the logical conclusion of all that has gone before. But, yes, you stupid Modi-supporters are way more dangerous than anything past. Kudos to these professors!!

[Reply](#)

[dabangghindu](#)

August 30, 2015



YES we are lumpens and you are stooges of Amartya Sen who usurped 2500 crores in Nalanda University projects in India. Now when Govt starts investigation on his corrupt deeds he started petition brigand.

[Reply](#)

[Shiva](#)

August 31, 2015



Dear Shashank,

On one hand you agree that congress and left responsible for the pathetic state of India before Modi arrived then how can you not agree to the landslide victory. Please read some good books on the matter of excesses of American intellectuals who unwisely mess in other country affairs.

US and Europe are suffering now because their politicians meddled in other countries affairs for long. The migrant problem they are facing now is the result. Europe will in day to come will face the worst humanitarian crises ever.

At least the academics should not more careful..

Shiva

[Reply](#)
unkonwn
August 31, 2015



Shashank,
The language that you used shows utter frustration and burning. Did you have similar frustration while the government was almost non-functional for about 10 years under Manamohan Singh? What is burning you so bad?

[Reply](#)
[Rajesh Kumar Singh](#)
September 1, 2015



That's how you treat contrarian opinion, by calling them names. You should not be so dismissive of such claims. Such treaties do exist that indicate Indians had thought of 'Vaimanik Shashtras'. And so far, neither in Gujarat nor in Delhi we have found Modi to be a control freak. He has always delegated responsibilities. We have not seen any authoritarian streak in him either. He is a hard-core federalist. His government has not used Article 356 so far to dismiss governments that do not see eye to eye with him. This is remarkable. He has given greater share to the states in the central tax pie, following a uniform policy that's non-discretionary. These are huge achievements. And you know these Commie professors are talking through their hat following a certain agenda.

[Reply](#)
Yash
September 2, 2015



Very well said.

Nee
September 2, 2015



@Shashank, What data you have to conclude the Modi is authoritarian a control freak. Do you know anything about the Indian National Congress party? Do you know who runs it? Do you know how long a single family has run it? Do you understand what 60 years mean?

Even yesterday, the Sufi Muslim leaders, after having the PM, commented that -" Here is a person whom we didn't vote but still had the mind to listen to us. In the past we had supported certain people but they never spoke to us. He doesn't need us, but still he spoke to us." I guess that says a lot about what Mr.Modi is as a PM.

Are you an Indian or an American? If you are not an Indian, please F#%#K off from here.

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Yash
September 2, 2015



Shashank, what makes you believe these STUPID professors???

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